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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended): A water recycling system for use in a building having an exterior wall and a basement having a sump area, said building experience water seepage into said basement, comprising the steps of:

accumulating said water seepage in said sump area;

providing water sensing means to said sump area;

sensing said water accumulation in said sump area with said water sensing

means;

providing a pump in said sump area;

activating said pump in said sump area by said sensing means;

providing a holding tank having a top and a bottom;

pumping said accumulated water to said holding tank;

storing said accumulated water in said holding tank;

utilizing said water in said tank in said basement, if desired;

providing a first pump at said bottom of said holding tank;

providing a usage pipe extending from said first pump through said

exterior wall to the exterior of said building;

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pumping said water in said holding tank by said first pump through said
usage pipe extending through said wall to the exterior of said building;

utilizing said pumped water at the exterior of said building, if desired;

~~2. The method of Claim 1 further including the steps of:~~

providing a second pump at said top of said holding tank;

providing an overflow pipe extending from said second pump through said
exterior wall to the exterior of said building;

providing a sensing means for determining when said water in said
holding tank reaches a predetermined level near said top of said holding tank;

activating said second pump when said sensing means senses water at said
predetermined level near the top of said holding tank; and

pumping said water by said second pump from said holding tank through
said overflow pipe to the exterior of said building for lowering the level of said water in said
holding tank to below said predetermined level of water in said holding tank.

Claim 3 (Original) The method of Claim 2 further including the step of:

providing a manually operated electrical switch on the exterior of said building for
activating said first pump, when desired.

Claim 4 (Original) The method of Claim 3 further including the step of:

providing multiple interconnected holding tanks for increasing the water
storage capacity of said system.

Claims 5 - 6 (canceled)

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Claim 7 (currently amended): A rain recycling system for use in a building having an exterior wall and a basement with a sump area therein with water seepage into said basement accumulating in said sump area, comprising:

sensing means to sense water in said sump area;

a sump pump operating when water is sensed in said sump area;

a holding tank having a top and a bottom, said holding tank receiving water pumped by said sump pump from said sump area;

a usage pipe extending from said holding tank through said exterior wall to the exterior of said building;

a first pump positioned within said holding tank at the bottom thereof, said first pump, when activated, pumping accumulated water in said holding tank through said usage pipe to the exterior of said building through said exterior wall for any desired use;

a manually operated switch disposed on the exterior of said building for activating said first pump, when desired;

a second pump located within said holding tank near said top of said holding tank;

sensing means for sensing when water in said holding tank is approaching a predetermined level near the top of said tank; and

an overflow pipe extending from said second pump to the exterior of said building through said exterior wall, said sensing means, upon sensing water near the top of said

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tank at said predetermined level, activating said second pump for pumping water from near the top of said holding tank through said overflow pipe to the exterior of said building through said exterior wall to prevent overflow of water in said holding tank into said basement area and to recycle said water pumped to the exterior of said building for any desired use.

Claim 8 (original): The system of Claim 7 further including:

at least one other holding tank interconnected to said holding tank for increasing the water storage capacity of said system.